alive...

why are you

Wh-

Alice!

Yo,

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Oh man...

It got pretty dangerous there!

For the both of us!

But, I'm glad it turned out alright.

I had known about this being named "Sasori", but...

For her to suddenly prick me...

I was totally at a loss!

Wh-

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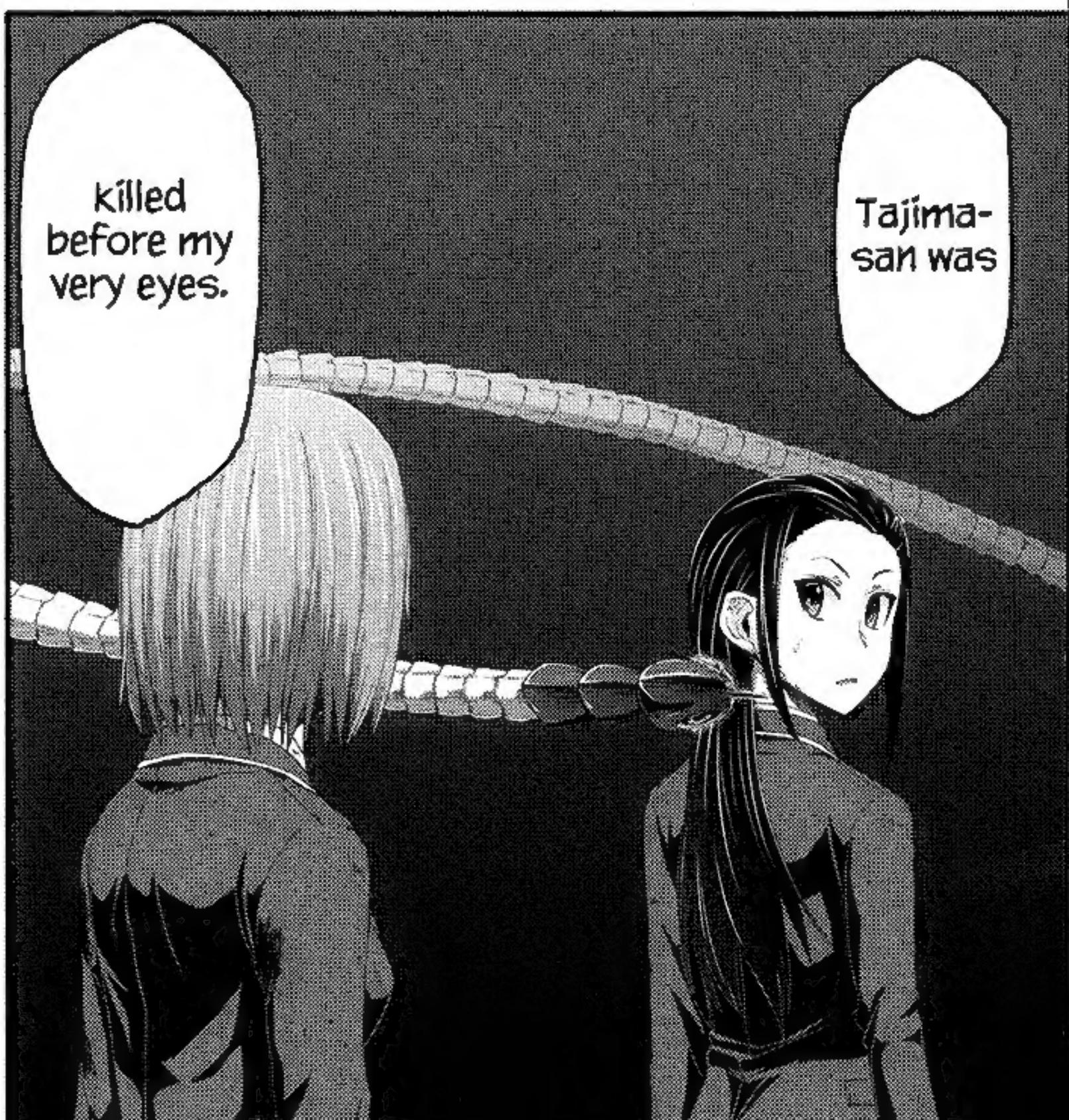
are you?
who

Please, answer me now!
Or else...
Just who in the world are you!?


killed before my very eyes.
Tajima-san was

I'll tell you, Alice!
Fine.

Tajima Yoriko.

Certainly, I'm not

The one who bullied you cruelly,

the one who you pointed a gun at in the washroom,

the one who had late-night talks with you about her favourite light novels,

and the one who bought you clothes at the mall

were all me, but...

IT CAN'T BE...

.....

that you really like.

I'm not the "Tajima-san"

I dare say,

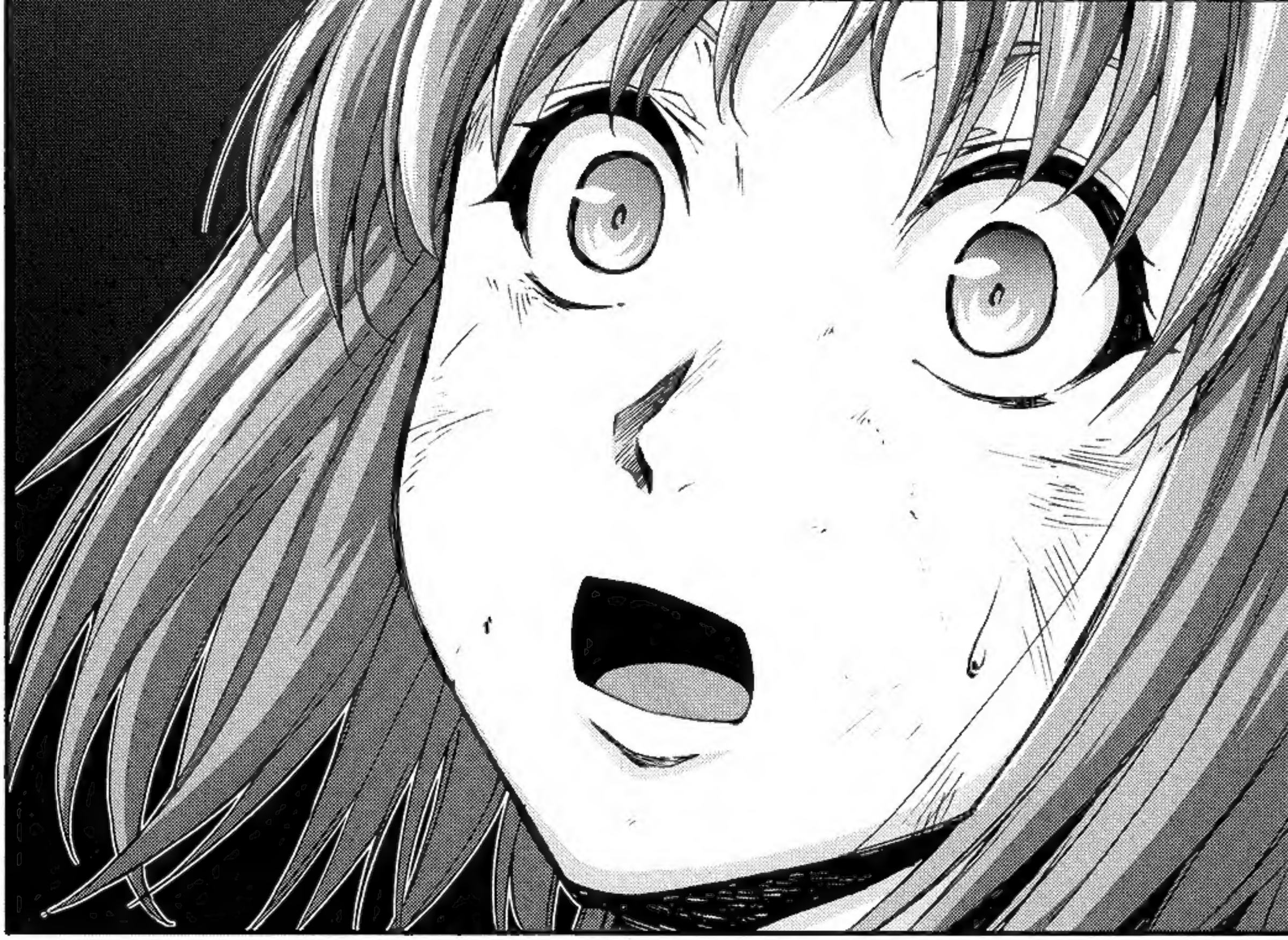
TAJIMA-SAN...?

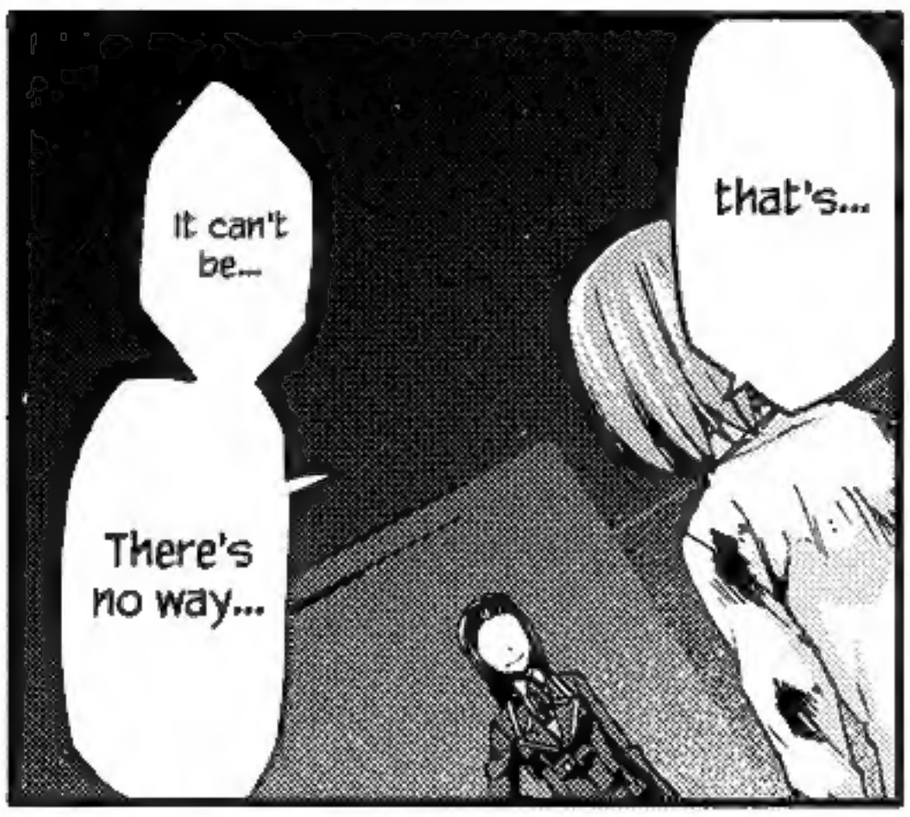
IS-

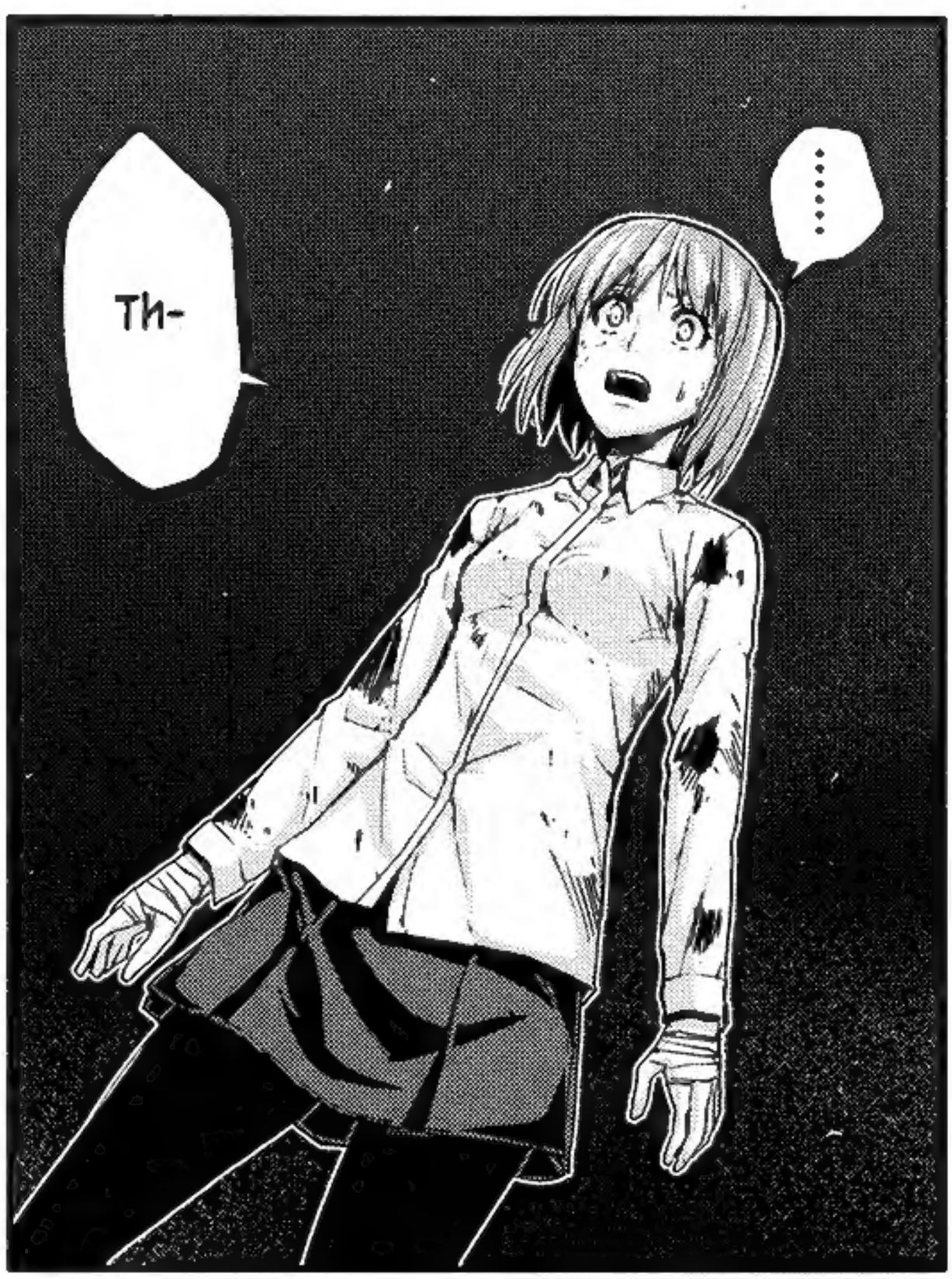
IS IT REALLY YOU,

I'm the "Boss"!

I'm pleased to meet you, Alice!




It can't be...
that's...
There's no way...


Th-
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Right now
Alice.

no way!
There's absolutely

you seem confused

since you're struggling with your current strategy.

You're looking for a way to close in on me

and then tie us together with thread, but...

the inside of your body is wrapped in "thread"

and you can barely stand.

Right now,

If you don't move carefully, you'll be shot down just like Suzume-bachi.

The only means you have left is to attempt to confuse your enemy

lure them into becoming careless,

I'm forced to stay home everyday to care for my mother, who has been sick for over 15 years.
If you love my releases, please consider donating at KireiCake.com to support our livelihood.
All proceeds go towards offsetting her medical fees. Thank you very much for reading!

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and force them to approach you instead.

Right?

HOW..

HO-

Just what kind of a trick is this-

being completely read by her?

are my thoughts

connect our consciousnesses together like radio waves,

I just try to, as best as I can, It's not a trick.

directly from your mind!

and read the thoughts

There's no way something like that could be-

it can't be...

It-

.....

Doesn't it come to mind?

and suddenly felt that I was a one-of-a-kind friend

that you could even mistake for your mother-

each and every day

you completely disregarded how I bullied you horribly

How over a trivial incident.

that was-

Th-

wrong.

I saw a lot of times where you were kind or worthy of my respect,

so...

As I got to know Tajima-san,

or wanted me to do,

I simply read the things you hated

and as necessary,

acted them out for you.

With just that,

I had no need for time or effort or techniques or tools.

Seizing human sympathy perfectly.

over whether you liked or hated me.

I had full control

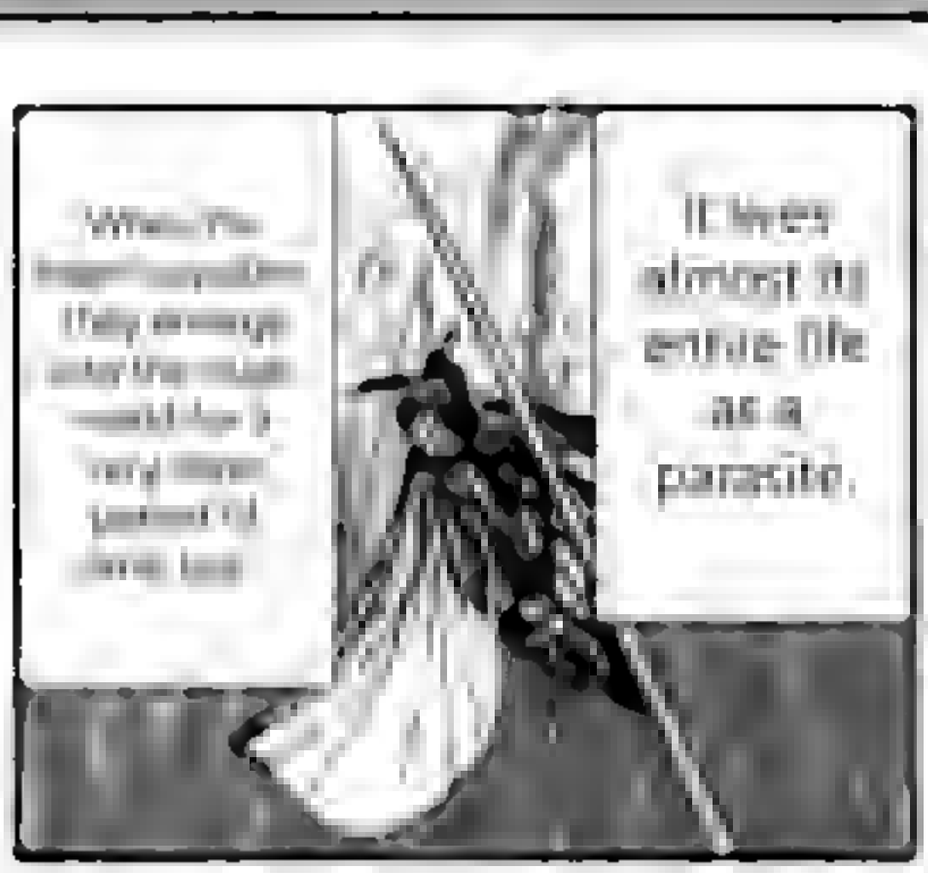
That is my

ability as a strepsipteran, or "Nejirebane".

It is a parasitic and microscopic insect

that lives within the body of insects like hornets and controls their actions.

Strepsiptera



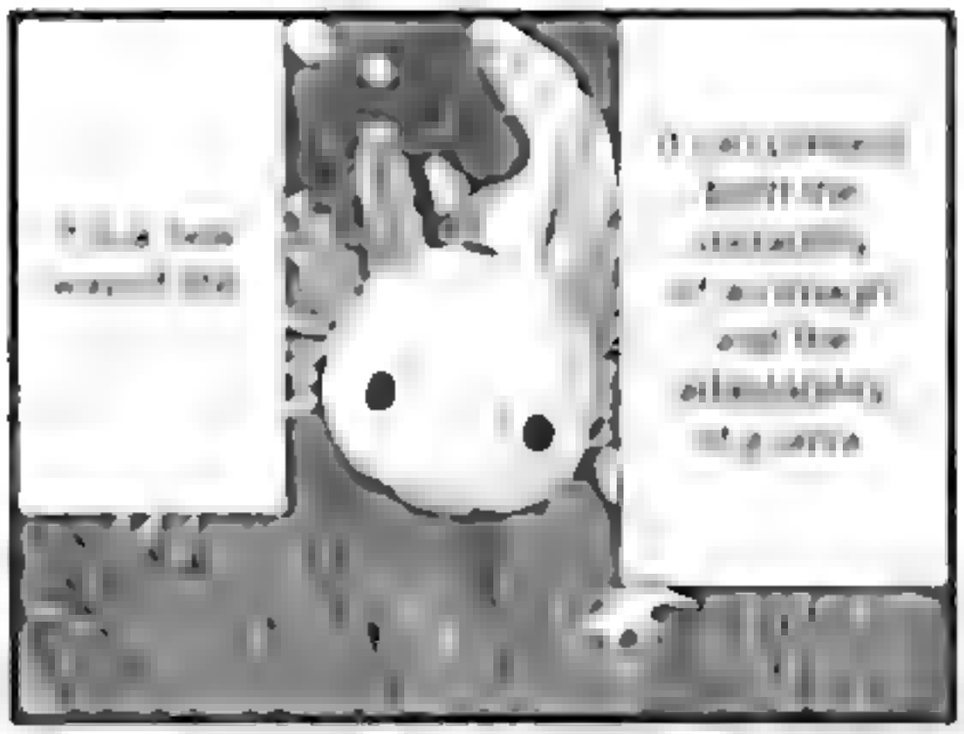
It lives almost its entire life as a parasite.

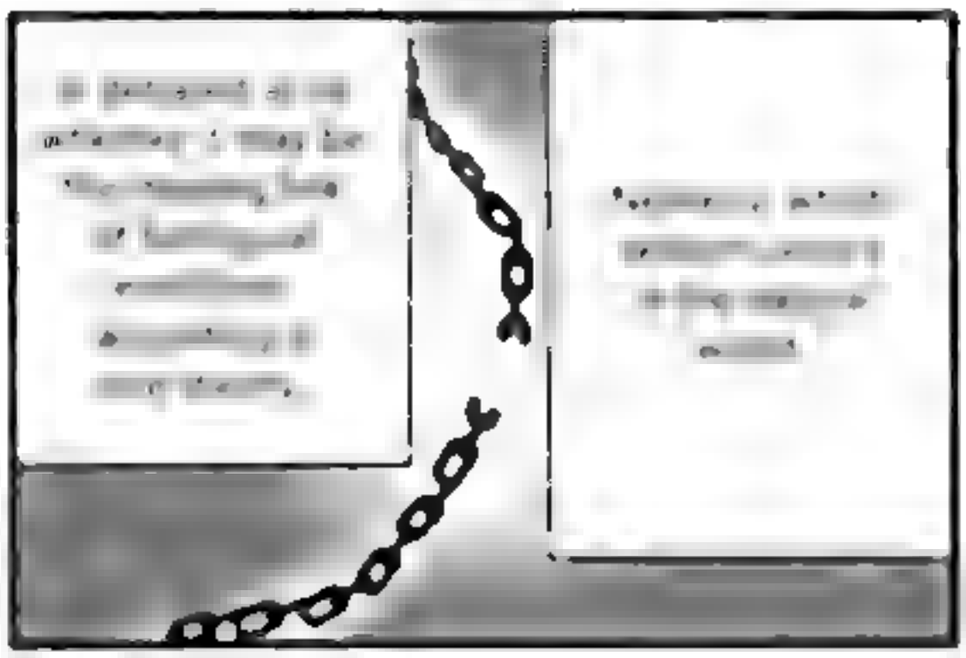
It is a plasmon insect.

Fabre theorized its existence. But, unfortunately, couldn't find it

they became "imaginies" capable of sex

with a "larvae form" stage[1] we a maggot's





By grappling with the task of its infant form and nature retained,

It is a phenomenon known as "neoteny"

[1] PR imago (plural imagines) in biology the final adult stage of an insect after metamorphosis

may exist within neoteny

the key to a new biological evolution for mankind

There also exists a theory that

it may be the same neoteny that exists between human and chimpanzee or between Asian and Western people

If that's true,

At that time,

my not dying to Sasori's poison

An adaptive ability unique to larvae that can reject the effect of drugs.

It's a sort of innate constitution.

However, in my case,

I have an "*Adaptive Mutant*" body.

was because, like Inomushi,

I managed to run past Jimmy without getting executed by the army units!

But... There's no time to think.

It was a truly narrow escape from death.

So I fell into a state of near-death

I wasn't as thought as her.

I don't believe you.

If you're really

the "Boss",

since long before I was born, right?

then you would've been alive

That's right.

Physically, I'm around 15 years old, but...

A Nejirebane's youth is deceiving.

My real age

is 100 years old.

It's been 100 years since I was born.

I've done quite a lot!

destroyed countries, rewritten history, formed societies,

I've manipulated people, mobilized armies, caused wars,

ended lives, nurtured lives, and controlled lives.

Today, of all days,

But so what?

The peak of mankind that, historically, nobody had ever reached,

Omniscient, omnipotent, and immortal.

I was there by birth.

and was constantly being saved

I was constantly on the verge of death

in a life of walking along a thin tightrope.

and I openly rejoiced

This sense of fulfillment

is the first I've ever felt since I was born!

So thank you, Alice.

However,

.....

Eh?

and return to reality.

it's now time to wake up from your dream

In exchange,

I'll give you anything you wish.

to fulfill my one single desire.

I would like you

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